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13 May 1954

The Honorable Robert B. Anderson
The Deputy Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob,

On 11 May 1954 the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) unanimously approved a revised Terms of Reference for the Watch Committee, whose mission is now "to provide earliest possible warning to the United States Government of hostile action by the USSR, or its allies, which endangers the security of the United States." Approval of the revised Terms of Reference included the activation of a National Indications Center (NIC) wherein duties attendant to the accomplishment of the Watch Committee mission would be discharged.

The IAC recommended that the NIC be located in the Pentagon adjacent to one of the IAC member organizations therein housed for greatest operational efficiency. Because of the nature of its responsibilities, and the security classification of the data which it will process, the IAC feel that the 3500-odd square feet required by the NIC should be contiguous and situated within a secure area. The NIC will also require, as an organic service, teletype facilities between it and members of the Intelligence Community.

In order to activate the NIC at the earliest possible time, the IAC have requested me to enlist your aid in providing the required space and what that implies. Mr.
25X1A9a ██████████████████████, who may be reached on extension 2377 (code 143), will be available at your convenience to discuss the matter further with whomever you should designate.

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I would appreciate your early attention to this matter so that the efficiency of the Watch mechanism may be materially improved to the end that every indication of Communist hostile action will be discerned and made known to the U.S. Government.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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